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Nebraska Athletes May Be Without a Field but the Spirit of Sport Will Live at the University

VARSITY BOYS MINUS FIELD

Regents Take Gridiron Away and Provide No Substitute.

OMAHA MAY GET SOME OF GAMES

Students Protest at Lack of Interest Manifested by Regents in Sports-Schedule Up in Air.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 15 .- (Special.)-"Will the Combuskers be forced to abandon their local foot ball schedule for 1908 and transfer games arranged for Lincoln to Omaha or some other city?" This is the question which confronts the Univercity of Nebraska athletic authorities and to which they are unable to answer "no." An answer now either in the affirmative or negative would be only a guess for the settlement of this question can come only when the problem of securing an athletic field is solved. At the present time Nebranka has in sight no field for next year and unless one is secured before many weeks there will be no intercollegiate foot-

ball games to Lincoln next fall.

Next month ground will be broken on the present field for a new engineering building and historic Nebraska Field will become a thing of the past. The Cornhusker athletes will be without a place of their own for holding intercollegiate contests and will be forced to leave the campus. Arrangements have been made to have the spring sports pulled off on rented grounds and the baseball games will be played at Antelope Park on Green's western league diamond, while the track meets will probably be held at the state fair grounds. But no place has been provided yet for next fall's gridfron contests, although the athletic board has been trying to get a field for several months. Consequently the prospects for a home football schedule for 1908 are dubious. In fact the prospects are so poor that the Cornhusker management will not schedule any more games for Lincoln until it has been fully settled that Nebraska will have a suitable grid-

In turning over Nebraska field as a site for the engineering building the board of regents provided no other grounds for athletic contests and left the Cornhusker athletes without a place on which to purathletics at hand the Cornhuskers are forced to go away from the campus to hold their track and base ball contests The athletic authorities feel that the foot ball games will have to be played on or near the campus in order to make the gridiron sport pay. Base ball and track centests when pulled off on grounds far from the university will lose money, of course, but foot ball at Nebraska is depended upon to make up the deficit incurred by the other branches of athletics and must be run on a paying basis.

To play the foot ball contests at the state able in Lincoln, the athletic authorities be-Heve would make the gridiron game a losing proposition. They feel few people bestate farm would be its inconvenience to the foot ball men. Experience has shown Doherty, A. W. Gore, S. H. Smith and H. that a majority of the foot ball candidates | Roper Barrett. object to practicing daily at a place cona derable distance from the campus, for the reason that the extra time it takes to make the long trip keeps them away from their studies too long and frequently spolis the afternoon's work. In this objection the authorities see a menace to the size and efficiency of the squad, if the farm is selected as a site for the field.

Purchase is Big Proposition. There are several lots adjacent to the present athletic grounds on the north side. which is an ideal location for another field. They could be purchased and a field fitted up that would be much better than the \$50,000 and the equipment of it would take will be the case and now they are playing the part of Mr. Micawber-waiting for himself, A. F. Wilding (who, with Mr. something to turn up. If the right thing does turn up soon the Cornbusker foot ball nothing happens they will do without a gridiron next fall and will play all their games away-from Lincoln.

The members of the athletic board are inclined to criticise the board of regents for appropriating Nebraska field for the use of the industrial school without making provision for other athletic grounds. The fact ball men spent much mohey in fixing up Nebraska field, Each season for the last six or seven years they made costly improvements on the grounds and now they feel that an injustice is being cone them in taking the field away without giving them some recompense

Manager Eager Protests. Manager Eager voices the general sentiment of the board in the comment which

he made on the mituation: The board of regents have taken Nebrasks field and driven us from the campus without suggesting how we are going to get another home for our athletics. The athietic department has a large amount of money invested the present field. It was a hard proposition to scrape together enough money to put the field in condition and we went to no small expenses in erecting bleachers, fence, and grandstand. The expease of these improvements was borne by the athletic board-not one cent did the regents pay. It seems to me that the board of regents in taking our field from us ought to stand at least a part of the loss to the athletic department resulting from such

"There is not a school by the country at which athletics are not aided and helped It is greatly hoped that R. F. Doherty, financially by the university authorities. whose magnificent play last year in the even paid out of the university funds. We ships is still fresh in the memory of all at Nebraska do not ask this much from the who saw it, will follow his younger brothregents, but we do ask that they give us a er's example and play once more in earplace on the campus for our athletics. We nest; there is no player so capable of rehave a right to make this request. It is covering the championship for England as high time something were being done toward getting a field if we are to play any

Scene of Many Struggles. Nebraska field has been the scene of

some great foot ball struggles, the memories (Continued on Page Two

Omaha Bowlers Who Will Compete in National Tourney at Cincinnati



ALL OMAHA



METZ BROTHERS.

Anderson

BRITISH LAWN TENNIS PLANS farm, the only place now seemingly avail- International Interest Likely to Be Strong on English Courts

During Summer. LONDON, Feb. 15 .- International interest side the strongest supporters of the team will once more be paramount in lawn tenwould journey to the state farm to see any nis during the coming season, and the except the big games. They realize that competitions in the Olympic games should FOUR BIG TEAMS EACH WINNERS many people who would walk a few blocks, be even more attractive to followers of the to see a game would not ride two or three game than those for the Davis cup last miles on a growded street car to attend year. A strong committee of management one. Another objection to playing at the has been formed, which includes among others Messrs. A. E. Hickson, H. L.

> The Olympic contests will include covered court as well as grass court competitions. and for each of these there will be a ladies' studies championship and men's singles and doubles championships. Nominations may only be made by the countries entering for the games, and each country may enter twelve competitors for the six couples for men's doubles. Players will not be allowed to compete unless entered by their country. The covered courts conclub, and the grass courts games will be played at Wimbledon on July 6.

The championships at Wimbledon this present one, if the athletic department had year should provide magnificent sport. N. enough money. The land would cost about E Brookes has expressed his intention of coming over again to defend his title. H. about \$25,000. With only a few thousand L. Doherty has definitely decided to make dollars in the treasury, however, the pur- a welcome reappearance, and with S. H. chase of these lots is out of the question Smith possibly competing as well there unless some of Lincoln's wealthy citizens should be some heroic matches. If Mr. come to the aid of the athletic board. The Brooks does make the journey. Australasia. members of the board are hoping that such | who vanquished all opposition last year, will probably be represented once more by Brooks, holds the doubles' championship). and, very possibly, L. O. S. Poldevin, and men will have a good home schedule, but it these play in the Olympic games as well they may add yet another success to last year's. They will, however, have a harder task than in 1967.

> The United States has decided to enter for the Olympic games, and it is to be hoped that its representatives will also be seen in the championships.

With regard to the prospects of our own country 1908 should see a great improvement in the quality of English lawn tennis. The English ladies, as usual, should generally hold their own against all comers, in spite of the fact that an American lady holds the proud title of champion. If Miss Sutton changes her mind and returns to ent, but she is run very close by Mrs. together with Mrs. Larcombe, Mrs. Luard, Miss A. N. G. Greene, Miss Eastlake Smith, Miss Pinckney, Miss Morton, Mrs. Hillyard and Miss Boothby also available the selection committee should have no difficulty in getting a really strong team. death of Miss C. Meyer, who, with Mrs. Hillyard, won the doubles championship

The prospects of the success of English men are infinitely brighter than in 1907, when, notwithstanding the plucky efforts of our representatives. Mesers. Gore, Roper Barrett and Eaves, we lost both the charnplouships and the Davis cup to Australasia. In some of the schools the coaches are London covered courts doubles championhe, should he enter. It is unfortunately doubtful if F. L. Riseley will be able to play. However, A. W. Gore in his old of the squad for state honors. form, and Messrs. Roper Barrett, Ritchie and G. W. Hillyard, the "old brigade," on whom the country has so often relied, should hold their own with the best of

Loss of Best Men Makes Outcome

Next Contost at Des Moines Will Decide Tie of Long Standing-Outlook in College Base

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 15 .- (Special.)-The many changes in the personnel of the college teams of the state puts a new aspect on almost every phase of college athletics. The attention of the majority of the coaches and trainers throughout the state at present is being given to the The meet this year is of particular interest because of the relative standing of the "Big Four" as to past wins, and be- and not behind the Jersey youth. In the past four years, Drake Iowa, Ames and Grinnell have each won is likely to be broken next May at Des

At Grinnell the victorious squad of last year is almost intact, having lost only one man, Marshall, who will probably go either o Iowa or Chicago this spring. The premier sprinter of the state, and the probable winner of individual honors in the meet, is "Doc" Huff, the mainstay of the Grinnell team. Huff is conceded the 100, the 220, and, if he starts, the 440 sprints. It is probable, however, that Fisher will not let him start in all three, as he will be more valuable in the relay teams. The other men who are looked on as sure point winners are Turner in the sprints, Flannagan in the 440, Slaght in the jumps, and Bair in the hurdles. In this last the finish between Bair and McCord of Drake will be the hardest fought in the meet, as the men are old rivals, and since the loss by Ames of Henninger and Nichols, have things all to themselves.

Drake Loses Distance Men.

give Drake a lead that will be hard to trials come off in June. overcome. Coach Pell has a wealth of additional points.

hough one of last season's freshmen, was spring. The Hawkeyes have some men Cohn La well. from last year's freshman team who are

Severe Loss for Ames. Ames has a good remainder from the 1997 bunch, but has suffered a severe loss (Continued on Page Three.)

MAKEUP OF OLYMPIAD TEAM Speculation as to Who Will Repre-

sent America at the Great London Meet. NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- Speculation

rife about the probable makeup of the team that will go to London to represent America next July in the Olympic sports. Picking the men on past performances is but guess work at this stage, and like as not the bright particular stars of the American team are way back in the shadow now. Such was the experience of Paul Pilgrim at the Athens meet. He went abroad as a second-rater and came home a two-time world's champion

Now, there is many a youth in the metropolitan district today capable of repeating Pilgrim's feat if given only half a chance, and many now in comparative obscurity will almost surely land the cov eted trip. Of course, everyone has heard question of the development of a track of Fred Bellars, for he is the crossteam to contest at the annual state meet, country champion, but at that Beliars is a new force in the athletic world. The brightest part of his career lies ahead cause of the apparently even chances of lars need not improve a whit to make the each of those institutions to carry off the London team. He has only to repeat the races he ran at Celtic park last fall when he beat Bonhag, Daly, Carr, Hasthe meet in the order named, and the tie kins, Collins, Joyce and Cohn to secure

a berth on the London team. Frank Sheehan of Boston, who won the junior half-mile championship at Jamestown last summer, is also capable of making the team quite easily. Sheehan is consistent around 1:57 and his great race in the 'juniors" proved that at his best he is very close to two seconds faster than that. He has only to take the trouble to train faithfully in order to be one of the lucky ones. Celtic park has a likely candidate in R. Cloughan, Fordham sprinter. With every qualification that makes up a really great sprinter, save possibly a little more campaigning. Cloughan will almost surely develop into a corker He looked just about right to 'do things' last summer, when ptomaine poisoning almost killed him and effectively stopped his athletic work for the rest of the year.

George Ford and A. T. Bailey, at Trav ers Island, also look good to the experts. Both of these lads took 46-yard honors At Drake the same team will again enter outdoors last summer and have been restthese shores this summer she will find for the blue and white, with the exception ing all winter with their eyes on the most of her old opponents ready to take of the three distance men. Haggard is a London trip. Ford and Balley both the field. Mrs. Lambert Chambers is un- sure winner in the pole vault and a pos- found it seconds easy going last sumdoubtedly our leading lady player at pres- sibility in the high jump, while Conaway is mer and will have the advantage of a in a class by himself in the hammer and long winter's rest, which counts some in Sterry (who alone defeated Miss Sutton shot events. If McCord can duplicate his a hard campaign. Fifty seconds should last year) and by Miss Lowther. These feat of last year in the hurdles, this will find them close up when the Olympic

Princeton has a likely Olympian in new material from last year's freshman George Whiteley, the Orange and Black squad that he counts on to take some star half-miler. As a schoolboy in 1966 Whiteley ran as fast as 157%, and bis At Iowa, the loss of Riley and Stutsman showing in the intercollegiate cross-coun have sent the last hopes of the track fang 'try ruces last fall told the story of adglimmering. Riley won the mile and ditional strength he has gained since then second in the half mile last year and was Princeton men not only hope, but expect conceded to be the fastest man in the to see Whiteley flash the Orange and state in these events, while Stutsman al- collegiate half-mile championship next

hurling the discus consistently over 130 The intest to show promise is Thadden feet, a mark far beyond anything that has White, the young Twenty-third regimen been done in the state in recent years. White has jumped from the novice clas-There is left on the Iowa squad Miller, who runner. Under Hiertberg's coaching took second in the 100 and third in the to that of the near champions in a few 210 last year, and who is expected to make weeks and even his rivals concede that he Huff of Grinnell go his limit this season; will be a wonder in the mile next sum-Renshaw, winner of the broad jump; and mer. At Boston recently White ran rings Rempke, who with Hanlon and Harnmer around the best man in New England will probably enter in the sprints and re- and men like J. P. Sullivan and Harvey

Frank Riley, one of the best juniors of looked on as comers in the jumps, and on the Irish-American string, with a record their performance depends the chances of 4:31 for the mile, is a likely candidate for the team, too. Because of his size Riley has never shown up very weil indoors, but on the cinders he can run with the best of them. He has repeatedly run the best men in the metropolitan distriot to a standstill,

AUTO DEALERS BOOST SHOW

Nineteen Local Dealers Have Already

VEHICLES OF MANY VARIETIES Auditorium to Be Filled with Ma-

chines and Beautifully Decorated in Red, White and Blue.

Omaha automobile dealers are preparing March 19, 20 and 21 with an eagerness which insures its success in spite of the opposition of one dealer who refuses to join with the rest. The show was delow all the dealers to order a splendld array of the new cars which are being built by the firms whose cars they handle. Omaha dealers all have their 1908 cars on the floors of their garages, but they are American trip. getting in new cars and demonstration vehicles especially for the show.

Nineteen dealers have already signified their intention of exhibiting and these will be able to give a much more elaborate show than the five dealers were able to give last year. The dealers who will exhibit this year are the Deright Automobile company, Drummond Carriage company Electric Garage company, Oldsmobile comany, Lininger Implement company, Central Implement company, Karbach Automobile company. Kimball Automobile comeany, Berger Automobile company, Brick Kuhn, Omaha Rubber company, Louk & Hathaway Maxwell company, Wheelock Flescher, John Deere Plow company, Gay L. Smith, Nebraska Cycle company, Pioneer Implement company, H. H. Van Brunt of Council Bluffs and the Powell Automo bile company. Other dealers in accessories and in kindred supplies are expected to take advantage of the abow to exhibit their goods.

J. J. Deright of the Automobile Show company has appointed these committees to prepare for the show: Publicity, Berger, Kimball, Deright, Van Brunt and Davis; decorations, Hosford, Barkalow, Kimball, Look and Powell; arrangements Karbach, Weaver, Kuhn, Drummond and

All the dealers are expecting a large number of outside dealers to the Omaha show, for Omaha is fast gaining an enviable reputation as a distributing point for automobiles and accessories. One dealer has already sold 100 machines of this year's make. The dealers have all decided to burnish up their garages and salestooms ind make these especially attractive, as well as their exhibits at the show. The big Auditorium will be taxed to hold the machines of all the exhibitors who want to display their different varieties and this year it will be a problem to find the space rather than to find something to fill the wilding.

An amusement feature will be added this rear which will be of especial interest to il who attend. Besides some high grade misic, the management has secured a movng picture machine and will show all the atest international and Florida races, These always attract great interest wherever they are shown because of the great ife and excitement.

The decorations will be in red, white and alue, and Decorator McConnell, who decorated the big building for the horse show has been secured to change the inside appearance of the Auditorium. Mr. Adler, traveling representative of the

Powell Automobile company, has just returned from an extensive trip through western lows and he reports that all the dealers are interested in the Omaha show and express a desire to come themselves

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KANSAS CITY MAY LOSE MATCH

Big Hack Gets His Business Arrangements in a Fine Tangle.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- There is a merry war going on over the wrestling services of George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Several months ago the Missouri Athletic club promoters of Kansas City offered Hack a \$10,000 purse to wrestle Frank Gotch in their town. Hack seemed willing the details to be arranged.

But now appears on the scene Mr. William W. Wittig of Milwaukee, with contracts and cables, showing that he has Charles Cochran in London saying that cured. Mr. Cochran is the gentleman who his matches and other business arrangements, during the Russian Lion's former

The only question is Cochran's right to represent the Russian. Mr. Cochran wrote some time ago that he had severed relations with Hackenschmidt, the London papers confirmed the story and Hackenschmidt in a recent letter said he had seered business relations with Cochran.

Mr. Wittig's contract with Hackenschmidt calls for a period of exhibitions for the Russian Lion, culminating in the great championship match on or before April 5, in Chicago or Kansas City. Gotch says he's willing to wrestle anywhere-if he can only get the chance. Wittig is willing to shift the match to New York, if he can find a place to hold it. Madison Square Garden will be busy with a circus, and it will take a great arena to accommodate the crowd if Hackenschmidt and Gotch come together.

Whether the Kansas City club manages o equeeze in or not, one thing is sure: Hackenschmidt will be seen here again, and the match with Gotch will prove the greatest wrestling attraction since Hackenschmidt and Jenkins met at Madison

PRICE OF GOLF BALLS HIGHER English Court Decision Does Not Produce Effect Intended.

LONDON, Feb. 15 .- When the House of the field was, as a consequence, thrown open to all who cared to manufacture the result would be an increase of competition the article. To judge, however, by remarks made recently by a prominent member of one of the leading firms, the almost certain contingency of the immediate future is an mcrease in the price of the ball. He stated that there would come into

operation very shortly a rule by which only 6 cents each would be allowed for past. That is to say, a golfer forwarding of weights, Ballot, a 4-year-old, with 136, a dozen "returns" and ordering a dozen new 10 cents balls would have to pay \$5. June scale adds two pounds to the 3-yearinstead of \$4.50, as under the old scale of allowance. The three leading Scottish golf; off horses 5 years and over. That means, ball manufacturing firms had, he said, agreed to this arrangement and it was practically certain that the chief English firms, as well as the American firms trading in this country, would full into line.

YALE DOES NOT MEET MIDDLES Eli Crew Will Go Into American Hen

ley, if Anywhere, NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 15 .- There will be no boat race this year between Yale and Annapolis, the faculty having decided that if the crew leaves college in the spring it should go to the "American

RACE HORSES WORTH MILLION

Seventy-Four of Them Entered in Eastern Handicaps.

BLUE BLOODS'RACE FOR CLASSICS

James R. Keene's Colin, Ballot and Celt Honored in Weight Allotments-Pointers About Concessions.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-Seventy-four thoroughbred horses have been named to start either the Brooklyn, Suburban or Brighton handicap this year. Conservative turfmen say that these horses are worth close to \$1,000,000 in value, taking into consideration their breeding and racing qualities. Representing the millionaires and the lowly owners these thoroughbreds are conceded to be the best in America, while several of them rival the great racers of foreign countries in actual quality.

James R. Keens, America's foremost breeder and sportsman, whose great racing stable won more than \$100,000 in stakes and purses last year, is represented in these handicaps by Ballet, a 4-year-old chestnut colt by Voter-Cerito; Superman, a 4-year-old colt by Commando-Anomaly; Colin, a 3-year-old colt by Commando-Pasterella; Greins Green, a 4-year-old brown gelding by Ben Brush-Runaway Girl; Celt, a 2-year-old chestnut colt by Commando-Maid of Erin; Transvaal, a 3-year-old bay colt by Commando-Royal Rose, and Restigouche, a 6-year-old black gelding by Commando-Dancing Water. In point of value these horses probably excel the others, when it is taken into consideration that Mr. Keene was quoted as saying last year than an offer of \$100,000 for the mighty Colin would not have been considered even for a moment. For that matter Mr. Keens made it quite plain that money could not buy Colin, who, in his opinion, is the greatest racehorse in the world today.

No Price on Colin.

If therefore there is no price upon Colin. but an offer of \$100,000 would be declined, it is fair to assume that Celt, another superb son of Commando, is not so very far behind Colin as to value. Celt came to hand so impressively when he ran second to Colin in the Flatbush Stakes last fall and then defeated the \$30,000 Uncle in the junior champion stakes a week later that he was really pronounced the second best 2-year-old of the year. Ballot, who took Peter Pan's place as a sterling winner of handicaps last fall, is another most valuable racer, while Superman is a seasoned horse who won memorable laurels when he captured the Brooklyn handicap last spring. Gretna Green is only a fair handicap horse while Transvaal and Restigouche did just enough as 3-year-olds to indicate futura

In arranging the weights for the three big handicaps W. S. Vosburg plainly showed that his estimate of the Keene candidates was at top notch. Mr. Vosburg gave what is known as top weight in actual pounds to Ballot, who will be asked to carry 196 pounds in each event unless he is compelled to pick up a penalty. But as far as the Brooklyn handicap is concerned ording to the scale of weights in May, must concede two pounds to Ballot Colin's impost being 111, which includes

two pounds on the scale. Colin Carries Top Weight,

As Colin therefore carries top weight according to the scale, it may be seen that and wrote that he was only waiting for Mr. Vosburgh rates him as the best racehorse named for the Brooklyn, although, of course, it is that official's task to so weight the horses that all of them may have an equal chance of winning. Conceding two or their annual show at the Auditorium signed Hackenschmidt up for the big match pounds to Ballet by the scale therefore for himself. Wittig has deposited half of a Colin gives five pounds to Celt, his stable-\$10,000 purse with a law firm in New York. mate. But at the same time Colin concedes and has received cable dispatches from four pounds to the noted Salvidere, who conquered Ballot on several occasions last sided upon far enough in advance to al- Hackenschmidt's signature has been se- year. Colin is also asked to give six pounds by the scale to the Patchogue Stable's manared Hackenschmidt, or, at least, made Nealon and Charles Edward and six to Uncle, a three-year old by Star Shoot-The Niece, who is rated just behind Celt in point of racing prowens.

> Mr. Vosburgh considers Colin sight pounds better than Montgomery, winner of the Burns Handicap at Oakland recently, and Glorifler, the Hastings horse who captured the Carter and Metropolitan Handicap last spring; nine pounds better than Lawrence P. Daley and Notasulga, both good two-year olds in 1907; ten pounds better than Jim Gaffney, winner of the Hopeful Stakes last August; eleven pounds better than Superman, his stable mate, and the \$10,000 mare Running Water, who ran Salvidere to a head in the Brighton Cup last October. Colin conceded twelve pounds to the three-year olds Fair Play and Royal Tourist and is asked to give thirteen pounds by the scale to Dr. Gardner, the \$15,000 Bannockburn colt who captured the 1907 Excelsior Handicap; also thirteen pounds to King James, John E. Madden's best three-year old, and to Firestone, the California colf who won the first part of the rich double event at the Bay last June.

Concession to Dandelton.

Colin must concede fourteen pounds in scale weight to Dandelion, a game son of Hamburg, who is a consistent but unlucky handicap horse, and the same to Dave Johnson's Senator Clay, who did not apparently class with Dandelton last year. Colin's concession to the Oneck Stable's Lords recently decided that there was no good colt Cohort is fifteen pounds, while patent on the rubber-cored golf ball, and he gives sixteen to W. H. Carey, Sir Huon, Cottontown, Jack Atkin, Falcada, Master Robert, Running Account and Transvani. ball, many came to the conclusion that the The handicapper makes him seventeen pounds better than the Newcastle Stable's to capture the trade and a cheapening of McCarter, who was a pretty high-class three-year old; Blue Book, Rifleman and Gretna Green, while eighteen pounds to De Mund and Restigouche is not considered too great a task. Colin's biggest concession in the Brooklyn is forty-three pounds to Flamnap, a selling plater of some class. Vosburgh places Colin and Ballot on ex-'returns," instead of 12 cents as in the actly even terms, according to the scale

The suburban allotments show that Mr. and Colin. a 3-year-old, with 111. The old weights, while it takes one pound therefore, that Colin and Ballot, picking up the same scale weight, concede only three pounds to Nealon and four to Charles Edward, but they both give five pounds to Celt and six to Uncle, seven to Frank Gill and eight to Electioneer.

In the Brighton handicap, which is run n July, another shift in the weight scale makes Ballot concede two pounds to Colin. who in turn meets Salviders at even weights and concedes two pounds to Charles Edward, allowances being made

to all of the others. Cintm to Greatness Justified. Colin's claim to such greatness is justi-